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Pol-Mil Issues for the President's Trip

For both Japan and Korea:

- o Reaffirm that the US is and intends to remain a Pacific power.
- o Reaffirm the strength, reliability and durability of the US security commitment.
- o Reaffirm the need for cooperative security efforts to deter the Soviets and their surrogates in the area.

For Japan:

- o It is important that we consult and cooperate closely on political-military issues: our relationships with the Soviet Union, the INF negotiations and their impact on Asian security, our relations with China, Korea and the ASEAN nations, and the Indo-China situation.
- o US and allied interests in East Asia are threatened by large and growing Soviet military capabilities.
- o We intend to remain an active force for peace and stability in East Asia.
- o Stress importance of greater Japanese defense efforts to help maintain peace and prosperity by reaching its own objectives and balancing/sharing participation in its own defense.
 - oo Japan has established its own defense objectives - defense of its own homeland and surrounding seas and skies and sea lanes for 1,000 miles.

Privately to PM Nakasone

- o We fully support Japan's acceptance of a greater defense role.
 - oo It is important that Japan start as soon as possible to carry out within this decade the defense roles and missions it has set for itself.
 - oo Seek a commitment from PM Nakasone to move quickly.
- o Although our message to Nakasone on defense can be low-key; it must not be overlooked, or Japan's modest, but ever-questioned efforts may be misread as adequate or as a source of funds available for redistribution to civilian departments.

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For Korea:

- o Specifically reaffirm the strength, reliability and durability of our security commitment to the Republic of Korea.
- o Assure President Chun that you intend to keep US forces in the ROK and to continue to improve their combat capabilities.
- o Express admiration to President Chun for his restraint in the face of recent provocations (the shootdown of KAL Flight 007 and the bombing in Rangoon).
 - oo Express support for Chun's proposals for talks with North Korea and assure him the US will continue to refuse official discussions with North Korea unless the ROK is a full participant.
- o In implementing our security commitment to Korea, housekeeping matters arise such as US levels of security assistance (arms sales credits); payment terms; giving the ROK permission to sell US-licensed military equipment to third countries; and similar issues. These are discussed and resolved at several levels, including an annual Security Consultative Meeting chaired by Secretary Weinberger.

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